1	2
BENGAL DESHI	
11. Open to all exporters	1.00
TOTAL:	5.00

(c) and (d) As regards A.P. 0.15 lakh bales export quota has been allotted as per the details above.

GARMENT EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

2694. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is India's position in garment trade in international market;

(b) what is the total amount earned from export of garments to foreign countries in the last financial year; and

(c) what will be the amount expected during this financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) As per currently available GATT data, India accounts for about 2 per cent of the world clothing imports.

(b) During last year, i.e. 1992-93, garment exports from India amounted to Rs. 8841 Crore, equivalent to US $ 3053 Million.

(Source Apparel Export Promotion Council)

(c) For the current year i.e. 1993-94, a target of US $ 3510.51 million has been fixed.

AVAILABILITY AND CONSUMPTION OF COTTON IN THE COUNTRY

2695. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to pest attack in Rajasthan and other States, cotton crop this year is estimated to be around 130 lakh bales as against the projection of 135 lakh bales;

(b) if so, what is the present cotton availability including opening stock and total requirement covering mill consumption and non-mill consumption during the year 1993-94 indicating also the quantity of bales purchased by CCI this year as compared to 1992-93;

(c) what is the quantity of bales released so far for exports; and

(d) the steps taken for stabilisation of cotton prices in the domestic market ensuring remunerative returns for the growers; and maintaining the country's presence in the international market as a stable supplier ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) and (b) The Cotton Advisory Board met on 8-11-93 and assessed the supply and demand position of cotton as follows :

	(in lakh bales of Qnty. 170 kgs each)
Supply	
Opening stock	30.74
Crop	135.00 (+1.00)
Import	0.50
	166.24 (+1.00)
Demand	
Mill Consumption	117.00
Non-Mill Consumption	8.00
Small Spinners consumption	3.50
Export	5.695
	134.195
Balance	32.04 (+1.00)

Reports have been received recently of a pest attack in the northern belt. The likely extent of demage on the crop is yet to be assessed by the CAB. The purchases by CCI this year (upto the end of November) as well as during the corresponding period in 1992-93 have been as follows :

(lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

1993-94	1992-93
1.52	0.45

(c) 5 lakh bales of cotton have been released for exports this year so far.

(d) For stabilishing the prices of cotton in the domestic market the Government has been constantly monitoring the prices. The endeavour has been to ensure a fairly higher price than the minimum support prices for the growers and also to ensure that the same prices were reasonable for the industry also so that the industry would continue to supply yarn to powerloom and handloom sectors at a reasonable price. Release of quota from time to time and the market intervention at commercial rates whenever warranted are the mechanisms by which the above purposes are achieved.

REPORT OF EXPORT COMMITTEE ON NTC

2696. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received the report of expert Committee set up by Government to explore the revival and modernisation of ailing textile mills under NTC management;

(b) if so, whether the same has been examined by Government;

(c) whether Government propose to accept the report for further action; and

(d) if so, whether Government also propose to defer accepting the report till the implications are discussed by the Special Committee on NTC thereby pro-